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OPA Daily Digest for 7/26/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. John Shimkus (Ill) – 7/1/13: Rep. Shimkus requests a West Lake Landfill site visit. Due: 7/8/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (Neb) – 7/19/13: Requesting information on FUDS. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

Sen. Tom Harkin (Iowa) – 7/22/13: Requesting status of a letter asking for clarification regarding the establishment of clean water act technology-based requirements for water treatment plants. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

Sen. Chuck Grassley (Iowa) – 7/25/13: Requesting clarification regarding EPA's stance on the establishment of clean water act technology-based requirements for water treatment plants. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

Rep. Bill Otto (Mo) 7/25/13: Question on the timing of the groundwater testing results. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

Press Inquiries:

St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Jeff Tomich – 7/25/13: Questions about 7/29/13 community event for Carter Carburetor Site in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – Veronique LaCapra - 7/25/13: Questions about 7/29/13 community event for Carter Carburetor Site in St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

St. Louis Beacon – Tina Casagrand – 7/26/13: Questions about the Enbridge Flanagan South pipeline. Referred to HQ. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

Houston Chronicle - EPA contractor agrees to pay \$65,450 in settlement - 7/25/13 - A company the Environmental Protection Agency hired to remove lead paint from homes in Omaha has agreed to pay \$65,450 for failing to take proper precautions.

<http://www.chron.com/news/article/EPA-contractor-agrees-to-pay-65-450-in-settlement-4687326.php>

NTV - EPA Contractor Agrees to Pay Settlement for Omaha Job - 7/26/13 - A company the Environmental Protection Agency hired to remove lead paint from homes in Omaha has agreed to pay \$65,450 for failing to take proper precautions.

<http://www.nebraska.tv/story/22940342/epa-contractor-agrees-to-pay-settlement-for-omaha-job>

Blog for Iowa - RAGBRAI and Iowa Politics - 7/26/13 - On the real world front, while Governor Branstad was participating in RAGBRAI, his staff was meeting behind closed doors with regional Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) staff regarding Iowa's compliance with the Clean Water Act.

<http://www.blogforiowa.com/2013/07/26/ragbrai-and-iowa-politics/>

Merced Sun-Star - EPA contractor agrees to pay \$65,450 in settlement - 7/25/13 - A company the Environmental Protection Agency hired to remove lead paint from homes in Omaha has agreed to pay \$65,450 for failing to take proper precautions.

<http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2013/07/25/3128718/epa-contractor-agrees-to-pay-65450.html>

Sioux City Journal - EPA contractor agrees to pay \$65,450 in Omaha settlement - 7/26/13 - A company the Environmental Protection Agency hired to remove lead paint from homes in Omaha has agreed to pay \$65,450 for failing to take proper precautions.

http://siouxcityjournal.com/ap/state/epa-contractor-agrees-to-pay-in-omaha-settlement/article_2216924c-db44-5027-bd93-4bd835940104.html

KTVI-TV - DNR says plan to contain Bridgeton landfill needs to work - 7/25/13 - The Missouri Department of Natural Resources says a plan to slow the spread of burning trash needs work.

<http://fox2now.com/2013/07/25/dnr-says-plan-to-contain-bridgeton-landfill-needs-to-work/>

Columbus Telegram - DEQ approves Butler County hog permits - 7/25/13 - Despite an outpouring of objections during a public comment period, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality has granted Piller Family Farms construction and operating permits for new confinement hog operations in Butler County.

http://columbustelegram.com/news/local/deq-approves-butler-county-hog-permits/article_2211ea3e-f54c-11e2-ad90-001a4bcf887a.html

KWCH-TV - State issues advisories, warnings concerning blue-green algae - 7/25/13 - The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) samples publicly accessible bodies of water for cyanobacteria, commonly called blue-green algae, when the agency is alerted to a potential algae bloom in Kansas lakes. When harmful algal blooms are present, KDHE, in cooperation with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism and other lake managers where appropriate, responds by informing the public of these conditions.

http://articles.kwch.com/2013-07-25/algae-bloom_40799675

KMOV-TV - State: Plan for dealing with fire at Bridgeton Landfill problematic - 7/25/13 - The state of Missouri says there are problems with the plan for dealing with the underground fire at the Bridgeton Landfill and what to do if it spreads.

<http://www.kmov.com/news/editors-pick/State-Bridgeton-Landfill-has-problems-from--216990371.htm>

Rolla Daily News - Congressman Jason Smith Capitol Report: Stopping Harmful EPA Regulations - 7/26/13 - Nothing kills a job faster than a Washington regulation. When I ask farm families, small business owners and municipal leaders which federal agency poses the greatest threat to rural Missouri, they always give the same answer, the EPA.

<http://www.therolladailynews.com/article/20130726/OPINION/130729269/1010/OPINION>

NTV - EPA Contractor Agrees to Pay Settlement for Omaha Job - 7/26/13 - A company the Environmental Protection Agency hired to remove lead paint from homes in Omaha has agreed to pay \$65,450 for failing to take proper precautions. The EPA says Prudent Technologies of Kansas City, Mo., violated several rules for dealing with lead paint at two properties in Omaha.

<http://www.nebraska.tv/story/22940342/epa-contractor-agrees-to-pay-settlement-for-omaha-job>

Platts - US power plants may need 'stricter controls' under new SO2 rule - 7/29/13 - In a move that could have adverse implications for coal-fired electricity generators in Ohio, Pennsylvania and more than a dozen other states, the Obama administration has identified a host of areas across the US that it says do not meet national air-quality standards for

sulfur dioxide.

<http://www.platts.com/latest-news/electric-power/washington/us-power-plants-may-need-stricter-controls-under-21334995>

Kansas City Star - EPA offers 'green infrastructure' grants to cities - 7/26/13 - Federal officials are inviting the 22 largest shoreline cities on the U.S. side of the Great Lakes to apply for grants under an Obama administration program designed to make progress on the region's festering ecological problems. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Friday the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grants will be awarded for "green infrastructure" projects that improve water quality by reducing urban runoff and sewer overflows.

<http://www.kansascity.com/2013/07/26/4369479/epa-offers-green-infrastructure.html>

Hoosier Ag Today - Donnelly Invites EPA Administrator to Visit Indiana Farms - 7/26/13 - The new administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Gina McCarthy, will be coming to Indiana to meet with Indiana farmers according to Senator Joe Donnelly. In a press briefing on Thursday, he said the trip will take place to help the regulators in Washington get a better idea of what agriculture is all about, "I can't think of a better way for the EPA to understand agriculture than for the new administrator to be sitting at one of our farms in Indiana talking with Indiana farm families."

<http://www.hoosieragtoday.com/index.php/2013/07/25/donnelly-invites-epa-administrator-to-visit-indiana-farms/>

Associated Press - Texas, Wyoming lose court challenge against EPA - 7/29/13 - A federal appeals court has sided with the Environmental Protection Agency in an ongoing dispute with Texas and Wyoming over reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia delivered the ruling Friday. The 2-1 decision amounts to a defense of the federal Clean Air Act that has faced repeated challenges from Texas, which leads the nation in greenhouse gas emissions.

<http://www.kansascity.com/2013/07/26/4369478/texas-wyoming-lose-court-challenge.html>

Muscatine Journal - Iowa Attorney General, DNR amend lawsuit against GPC alleging additional violations - 7/25/13 - Attorney General Tom Miller announced Thursday the filing of an amendment to the State's environmental lawsuit against Grain Processing Corporation (GPC), pending in Muscatine County District Court. The original suit, which was filed in December 2011, alleged air and water pollution control violations by GPC.

http://muscatinejournal.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/iowa-attorney-general-dnr-amend-lawsuit-against-gpc-alleging-additional/article_dc71b01d-0309-56a7-a327-cafc07d7d797.html

Waste & Recycling News - Landfill, pension charges put dent in Republic Services profit - 7/26/13 - Republic Services Inc. saw earnings fall during the second quarter, due in part to increased spending at a troubled, closed landfill in Missouri as well as pension-related costs. The Phoenix-based solid waste management company earned \$56.3 million, or 15 cents per diluted share, on revenue of \$2.11 billion.

<http://wasterecyclingnews.com/article/20130726/NEWS01/130729953/landfill-pension-charges-put-dent-in-republic-services-profit>

Businessweek - Texas Loses Bid to Stop EPA Takeover of Greenhouse Gas Rules (2) - 7/26/13 - Texas's bid to keep control of its own greenhouse gas permitting program was rejected by a divided federal appeals court in a decision that supports a takeover by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In a 2-1 ruling, the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington said today that Texas, Wyoming, Peabody Energy Corp. and industry groups aren't in a legal position to challenge federal requirements to revise state implementation plans, known as SIPs.

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2013-07-26/texas-loses-bid-to-stop-epa-takeover-of-greenhouse-gas-rules-1>

Philadelphia Business Journal - Oil refineries burning up over Fed regs - 7/26/13 - Four federal lawmakers from Pennsylvania have asked the Environmental Protection Agency to take action regarding a program that oil refineries in southeastern Pennsylvania say is hurting them. The lawmakers wrote a letter to the EPA after Delta Air Lines Inc. (NYSE:DAL) said a spike in the price of Renewable Identification Number credits caused its refinery in Trainer, Pa., to lose \$51 million in the second quarter.

<http://www.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/news/2013/07/26/lawmakers-ask-epa-to-act-on-program.html>

Bloomberg BNA - The Week Ahead: House Committee May Consider Drastic Cuts to EPA Budget - 7/26/13 - A 34 percent reduction in the Environmental Protection Agency's budget in a spending bill that is viewed by Republican sponsors as intended to "serve as a check" on the agency's ability to regulate industry may be considered by the House Appropriations Committee the week of July 29.

<http://www.bna.com/week-ahead-house-b17179875440/>

Beef Magazine - Should EPA Keep Private Information Private? - 7/26/13 - U.S. Sens. Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Joe Donnelly (D-IN) introduced legislation – The Farmer Identity Protection Act (S. 1343) – that protects the personal information of livestock producers from dissemination by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
<http://beefmagazine.com/poll/07242013>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

7/29/13 – Carter Carburetor Community Celebration , St. Louis, Mo. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

***7/30/13** – Meet and Greet with MidAmerican, Regional Office. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

8/14-15/13 – Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards Ceremony, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

8/27/13 – Visit Kickapoo Nation, Horton, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

DRA:

None

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

8/7/13 – Attending quarterly meeting with MDNR, Sedalia, Mo. Contact: Amy Bhesania, 7147.

9/18/13 – Providing training to the Allergy Foundation of America, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Bob Dye, 7605.

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None

ECO/EJ

None

ENSV

None

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None

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None

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8/5 - 9/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/12 - 16/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation and site-related meetings, Plating Inc. Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/13-14/13 – EPA/DOD Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program and Environmental Security Technology Certification Program conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Clint Sperry, 7157

8/19-8/23/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/26-8/29/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/28/13 – State of Missouri – Chem/Bio Functional Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

WWPD

7/21-26/13 – National NPDES Permit Writers' Conference, Shepherdstown, W. Virginia. Contacts: Glenn Curtis, 7726, Sunny Wellesley, 7136

7/24-25/13 – Public Water Supply System End of Year Meeting with Nebraska Health and Human Services, Lincoln, Neb. Contacts: Ken Deason, 7585, Scott Marquess, 7131

7/28-31/13 – Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Workgroup for Skills Marketplace, Washington, DC. Contact: Amy Shields, 7396

7/29/13 – Kickapoo and Indian Health Service meeting to discuss Stage 1 and 2 Disinfection Byproducts and Total Organic Carbon Results, Horton, Kan. Contacts: Kimberly Willis, 7069, Stan Calow, 7410, Doug Brune, 7178

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